

Criswell Blasts Detente In Televised Sermon

By Theo Sommerkamp

DALLAS (BP) — Detente has allowed the "cruel, oppressive empire of atheistic, communistic, Red Russia" to extend its power in the world, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention declared in his televised Sunday morning sermon here.

Among other things, the sermon by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, castigated "appeasement" trends by "left-wing liberals" in U. S. government, which, he said, have allowed Communists to dominate around the world. He said the trends have resulted in such things as Russian grain deals, the "snubbing" of Russian author

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, and "coloring" of U. S. policy toward Israel.

The sermon, preached before an overflowing congregation at the 18,000-member church, the SBC's largest, was carried over a local television station, Aug. 10. It also was shown in several other cities in other states via cable TV.

Criswell announced a week earlier he would preach a "political sermon," a departure from his customary repertoire of doctrinal, Bible-oriented messages.

He said he felt compelled to preach the sermon, entitled, "Death in Detente, or Counting and Cultivating the Cancer of

Communism," because of recent experiences in the Orient and Europe which reinforced his previously expressed opinions.

Criswell conducted a preaching mission in Hong Kong in early summer, then flew to Paris. From there, he went to Stockholm to attend the Baptist World Alliance Congress. He has traveled on every major continent and last visited Russia in 1967.

He said conversations with people in Hong Kong and in France this summer had shown him they were convinced their lands would some day fall under the domination of Communism.

All Have Declined
He said all modern colonial em-

pires have declined except one—Communist Russia, which is spreading its domination.

Detente, he exclaimed, has forever consigned the countries of Eastern Europe to status as "colonies" of Red Russia, and the inhabitants of these countries to a "life of misery and oppression."

He criticized American leaders over several decades, starting with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, for the nation's unswerving, tragic, course of "appeasement and concession" toward Russia.

"Our armies (in World War II) would not dare take Berlin — we might offend the Russians," he said. He added that American policy toward Israel in its conflict

with Egypt also is colored by fear of offending the Soviet Union.

The American government and the White House have snubbed "one of the great literary geniuses of our time," and a humanitarian, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, for the same reason, according to Criswell.

Criswell decried America's grain sales to Russia. "I have flown over the Great Ukraine," Criswell recalled, comparing that rich farm land to what's found in Iowa, Illinois, and other midwestern states of the U.S.

"Russia cannot feed itself. It cannot support itself. Why? Because of its system," he said. Without outside help, Russia

would fail.

He was interrupted by applause during a lengthy reference to the role of "liberals" in American government.

Why No Victory

"He, the left-winger in America, has brought our nation to disgrace, to despair," Criswell charged. "Why was there no victory in Vietnam?"

"Because of the left-wingers in the United States government; because of 'Senator Halfbright' from Arkansas who was head of the Foreign Relations Committee," was his reply.

It was a reference to J. W. Fulbright, the Arkansas Democrat (Continued on page 2)

Bicentennial Feature

First Baptist College Founded In Providence

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Mar. 1, 1974 (BP) — Rhode Island College, Baptists' first institution of higher learning, has been granted a charter by the state legislature. The school will be a Christian college open to students "of all denominations or no denomination."

Because Baptists have seldom been received in other colleges, it is gratifying that they should welcome students of other denominations, a spokesman said. It was to be expected that Baptists should turn to Rhode Island in seeking a charter as this state has been a haven of religious liberty since the days of Roger Williams.

While the charter stipulates that the president and a majority of the trustees shall be Baptists, other officials will be selected from representative denominations in the state. A number of professors also will be selected "indifferently of any or of all denominations."

The charter said that religious tests "shall never be admitted" into the institution. "On the con-

trary, all members shall enjoy free, absolute, and uninterrupted liberty of conscience," it declares. "The places of professors and all other officers, the president alone excepted, shall be open for all denominations of Protestants. Youths of all religious denominations shall be admitted to equal advantages and honors."

The idea of a college that would offer Baptists and other youths educational advantages comparable with those to be had at Yale, Harvard, and elsewhere originated within the Philadelphia Baptist Association. James Manning, a recent graduate of Princeton, was selected to put the plan into action.

After conferring with leading Baptists of Newport, R. I., last July, Manning took steps to secure the charter. To date the embryonic school has little more than a charter—no buildings, no equipment, no endowment.

The first Baptist college is expected to be located at Warren with Manning likely to be named the first president.

Brotherhood Commission Sets New Purpose, Direction

MEMPHIS (BP) — Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission adopted a long-range, nine-year plan including a new statement of purpose and five major brotherhood tasks expanding the brotherhood program to include helping lay people to develop personal ministry.

Commission members also adopted a slightly reduced budget for 1975-85, set priorities for the future, reviewed the actions of the past year, and expressed concern about proposals to combine the Boy Scouts organizations and Royal Ambassador programs of Baptist churches.

After lengthy discussion, Commission members adopted the report of a blue-ribbon Direction '84 Committee appointed last year to study the total Brotherhood program and recommend a long-range plan for future direction.

The Commission approved as recommended the committee's statement of purpose for Brotherhood:

"Brotherhood in a Southern Baptist church is a fellowship which enables persons to be ministers in the world through an action-study approach that encourages their involvement in missions-evangelism."

"All Christians," said the statement, "are called to be ministers and have a spiritual ministry to perform. This ministry occurs primarily in the world where the layperson is the basic minister, while the pastor, other vocational church ministers and missionaries equip laypersons for their ministry."

Five Tasks

In addition the commission adopted five Brotherhood tasks: (1) Engage in mission activities, (2) teach missions, (3) pray for and give to missions, (4) develop personal ministry and (5) understand the church and denomination.

Four of the tasks are similar to the tasks the Brotherhood has supported since 1869. One new task, develop personal ministry, was added. "This task includes helping persons to discover and channel individual gifts through personal ministry," the statement said. "It also includes encouraging pastors in their equipping ministry."

"Each Christian has a call to ministry, and therefore, also a gift for enabling that ministry," said the statement. "Brotherhood

is to help persons to understand what it means to be called to a ministry and to call forth the gifts that are in each person so that they may do their ministry on behalf of the whole body of Christ."

Parentetically, the committee explained that this may mean the necessity of setting up some new kinds of channels so that once a person has begun to discover his gift for ministry, there is a means by which the gift can be expressed.

"As it relates to the pastor, this means 'freeing the pastor' and seeking to help him in being an enabler and an equipper of his people."

In recommending the task, the committee stated it did not feel that the new direction for Brotherhood would necessitate any change in the official program statement of the Brotherhood Commission as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC).

Develop Statements

Commission trustees authorized the staff to develop task statements from these five tasks and to implement the tasks in programs and materials as needed. Glendon McCullough, commission executive director, said he hopes to resolve any relationship question and produce new materials implementing the tasks within 18 months to two years.

The 30-member Direction '84 Committee also recommended seven priorities for expanded Brotherhood:

SBC Directory

Updated For More

Accurate Listing

NASHVILLE — The "Directory of Southern Baptist Churches," a comprehensive list of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, has been revised to provide a more accurate listing of Southern Baptist churches in the United States.

The Southern Baptist directory, the only publication of its kind, functions as a help to churches in communicating with sister churches, facilitating church let-

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Convention Board Okays \$7.3 Million 1976 Budget

A Cooperative Program budget of \$7.3 million for 1976 was okayed by members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Monday during their annual meeting, and the green light was given for a new salary administration program study.

The new budget, 10.6 per cent larger than the figure for 1975, will go to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 11-13 in Jackson for final consideration.

The proposed budget provides an increase of one-half of one percent of the total receipts in the portion which will go to SBC world mission causes. This is almost \$250,000 more than the

amount budgeted for 1975.

The total 1975 budget is \$6.6 million.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board officials were given the go ahead to structure the new salary administration program that will be presented to board members for a final look in another meeting just before the convention. It would go into effect on Jan. 1, 1976.

The new salary structure would peg salaries more on abilities and requirements than on categories.

The board adopted a 10 per cent increase in salary appropriations for 1976 for implementation of the salary administration policy.

Many of the other actions of the board had to do with policies. The firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company was retained as auditors of the board's financial affairs.

A policy on retirement adopted by the board establishes that the end of the month in which the person's birthday occurs will conclude his employment. The mandatory retirement age is 68. Continuing to serve beyond age 68 is done so at the invitation of the Executive Committee of the board.

In the meeting, which was presided over by the president, Dr. Harold Kitchings of Kosciusko, Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secre-

tary Treasurer, brought his secretary's report, dwelling upon various advances and actions of the board during the past year.

He reported on Cooperative Program giving, and with the assistance of John Alexander of the Stewardship Department, presented a visual study of trends in giving during the past ten years. He spoke of the advance that must come in support if goals are to be met.

He also reported on progress in the development of the new camp property near Kosciusko, and told of Gulfshore restoration plans.

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Dr. Harold Kitchings, standing left, pastor of First Church, Kosciusko, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presides over the annual meeting of the board Monday in the Baptist Building chapel in Jackson.

Distributed Gospels

Angola Missionaries Safe; Planning Relief Efforts

WINDHOEK, South West Africa (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries, who evacuated strife-torn Angola, arrived safely here Aug. 12 and were to take a few days of leave before continuing the journey to Johannesburg, South Africa, where temporary mission headquarters were to be established. They were expected to arrive in Johannesburg Aug. 19 or 20.

As the missionaries left Angola, fighting had broken out throughout the country.

Marion G. Fray, field representative for Southern Africa, is locating temporary housing for the four couples and three two-year-term missionary journeymen in Johannesburg. Two of the journeymen will join the Angola missionaries as soon as travel arrangements are complete.

Harrison H. Pike, missionary, will go to Nairobi, Kenya, as soon as possible to investigate the possibility of an airplane to continue relief efforts.

After settling the women and children in Johannesburg, missionaries Pike, Curtis L. Dixon, and Albert C. Sutton Jr. plan to return to Luanda, Angola, for relief work. The James V. Hollands will remain in Johannesburg to complete language study.

Evacuated summer missionary Bo Jackson, a student at Southwest Texas State University, arrived safely in the states on Aug. 15.

The journey through Angola to the border took missionaries two days with numerous military checkpoints stopping them along the way. They gave out Gospels of John to the soldiers as they traveled.

Home Mission Board, CWS Officials To Meet

ATLANTA (BP) — Officials of Church World Service and representatives of the Home Mission Board will meet in New York City on Aug. 27 to discuss their relationship in resettling Vietnamese refugees.

Home Mission Board directors passed a resolution July 23 asking the relationships be re-examined and an arrangement sought "whereby the board can be more actively and effectively involved in refugee resettlement efforts."

The resolution, offered by W. Trueman Moore, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark., said the new arrangement with CWS could involve a subcontract or working agreement.

Or, if a satisfactory new arrangement cannot be worked out, the resolution stated, the Home Mission Board could work to secure its own contract with the State Department of other government department.

The Home Mission Board's administration was authorized to proceed with the re-examination and take whatever course it felt proper—working out a new agreement with CWS or getting its own contract.

The board's executive director, Arthur B. Rutledge, said the administrative staff met July 27 to review the resolution and proceed with the directors' request. Oscar Romo, director of the department of language missions, contacted the CWS office in New York and said the earliest possible date all necessary representatives could get together was Aug. 27.

"The Church World Service officials said they were eager to

help in any way possible," Romo said, "even to the point of helping us get our own contract, if that is what we want. And all we want is to help the refugees."

Refugee resettlement is part of the program assignment given the department of language missions by the Southern Baptist Convention. The assignment is handled by the office of immigration and refugee service in the department. Since the Cuban crisis the office has worked in resettlement efforts with Church World Service, one of nine agencies with which the federal government contracts for refugee resettlement.

Approval of one of the nine contracting agencies is necessary before a refugee is permitted to leave camp with a sponsor.

Alaska Baptists Battle 'Heat Wave'; Set Budget

NORTH POLE, Alaska (BP) — Amidst temperatures in the mid-80's, a near record for the area, the Alaska Baptist Convention, meeting here, voted a record budget of \$524,024 and heard of a projected land sale which would net \$1 million.

Meanwhile, one messenger to the 30th annual meeting of the convention suffered near collapse with heat prostration.

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Pleitz To Be Speaker For Annual Youth Night

Dr. James Pleitz, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., will be the featured speaker Dec. 29 for the annual Mississippi Baptist Youth Night.

The yearly meeting of Mississippi Baptist young people from all over the state will be held in

Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, beginning at 7 p.m.

Dr. Carl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said it is expected that the 10,000-seat coliseum will be filled for the meeting. Norman Rodgers, as-

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He reported on the new weekly Mississippi radio Newscope program which now is being broadcast by sixty stations in the state, and of a new short television feature which has been prepared by the Radio-Television Commission. He told of new film on Mississippi Baptist work which will be released the fall, and also of a new film on language missions in Mississippi which is being prepared by the Home Mission Board.

In a closing statement to the board, Dr. Kelly issued a challenge for continued emphases on the Mississippi Decade of Advance program which began in 1975 and will continue to 1985.

The proposed new budget was presented by Mr. Gene Triggs, Yazoo City, chairman of the Budget and Cooperative Program committee.

The proposed budget is in two sections, Basic and Advance. The Basic section calls for \$7,004,000, and the Advance division calls for \$296,000, bringing the total of \$7,300,000. The Advance section includes Christian Education, \$50,000; Baptist Hospital Capital Needs, \$15,000; Children's Village, \$10,000; Gulfshore Capital Needs, \$50,000; Student Center Capital Needs, \$30,000; Church Minister Relations, \$16,770; and Southern Baptist Convention, \$124,230.

Another breakdown of the total budget is: Institutions and Agencies, \$2,157,150; Board Programs, \$2,566,763; Administration-Promotion, \$276,427, for a total of \$5,000,340 for Mississippi causes. The Southern Baptist Convention section calls for a total of \$2,293,660 for the general S. B. C. budget, and \$6,000 for the Northern Plains Convention.

The proposed Operating Policy for the New Church Expansion Committee of the Board, was presented by Dr. Eugene Dobbs of Pearl. It sets forth operating procedures for the committee as it seeks to aid associations and churches in establishing new mission work in rapidly growing areas of the state.

The policy sets guidelines for Distribution of Funds, Sites, Relationships (between the Convention Board and Associational missions committees and churches). Use of Mobile Chapels and Leadership.

The policy was referred to the Executive Committee for further study, and final adoption next year.

The New Church Expansion Committee made a progress re-

port on work that already is being done in new areas, under past actions of the board.

The five associations where cooperative activity is under way in starting new missions are DeSoto county, Gulf Coast (Harrison and Hancock Counties); Hinds-Madison; Jackson county, and Rankin county.

Under the program the state convention is cooperating in the purchase of sites, in providing financial assistance and in making mobile chapels available.

Funds for implementation of this program are expected from the State Mission Offering to be taken in the churches in September. The offering goal is \$250,000, of which \$199,000 has been designated for the new missions program.

Glenn Perry of Philadelphia introduced the Executive Committee report and Dr. John Barnes of Hattiesburg and Rev. Oliver Laddner of Magee brought committee recommendations.

Other reports were brought by Rev. Hardy Denham of Newton and Mrs. Vernon May of Louisville.

Rev. Chester Vaughn new Program Director for the board, spoke of the purpose of the whole convention program being to serve the churches.

Dr. Leonard Wedel, former personnel director for the Sunday School Board, was retained as consultant for the new salary administration plan. He made a comprehensive presentation to the board. Dr. Wedel is now retired.

Dr. Russell Bush reported that 10 student from Mississippi were sent to Montana as summer missionaries. Expenses totaled \$5,575.28. Churches to date have contributed \$5,550.06 of that amount, he reported.

In his report from the Missions and Evangelism Committee Dr. Bush included a request for \$100,000 per year for the next 10 years for capital needs for Baptist Student programs. A priority was suggested for Delta State University Student Center. This was adopted. Also adopted was the employment by the board of the student directors at three junior colleges — Copiah-Lincoln, Gulf Coast, and Northwest. These directors have not been paid out of Baptist funds.

Convention Board President Dr. Harold Kitchings appointed a committee on board organization for next year. Members are Powell Ogletree of Hattiesburg, chairman; Rev. Millard Purl of Gloster; Dr. P. A. Michel of Brookhaven; Mrs. Charles Tyler

of Collins; and Rev. John Cook of Columbus. Dr. Ed Gandy is secretary of

board. The meeting was closed with a season of prayer.

Proposed Budget 1976

INSTITUTIONS AND AGENCIES	Basic	Advance	Total
Christian Education	\$1,280,000	\$ 50,000	\$1,310,000
Christian Education Capt. Need	300,000		300,000
Baptist Hospital (Education)	20,000		20,000
Baptist Hospital (Hardship Asst.)	45,000		45,000
Baptist Hospital (Capt. Needs)	40,000	15,000	55,000
Children's Village	140,000	10,000	150,000
Ministerial Education Board	45,000		45,000
Christian Action	64,000		64,000
Baptist Foundation	76,000		76,000
Historical Commission	16,850		16,850
Miss. Baptist Seminary	75,300		75,300
SUB-TOTAL	2,082,150	75,000	2,157,150
BOARD PROGRAMS			
Gulfshore Capt. Needs	150,000	50,000	200,000
Student Center Capt. Needs	60,000	30,000	90,000
Baptist Building Capt. Needs	148,200		148,200
WATS Lines	16,200		16,200
Program Director	58,077		58,077
Youth Night	3,500		3,500
Church Administration	34,861		34,861
Church Architecture	21,759		21,759
WMU (Operational)	152,103		152,103
Sunday School	140,032		140,032
Church Training	124,158		124,158
Brotherhood	92,512		92,512
Church Music	89,616		89,616
Student Work	270,819		270,819
Coop. Min. with Nat. Bapt.	42,028		42,028
Evangelism	53,743		53,743
Cooperative Missions	155,874		155,874
Stewardship & Coop. Prog. Pro.	95,714		95,714
Subsidies to Associations	76,000		76,000
Church Minister Relations	9,822	16,770	26,592
Baptist Record	57,659		57,659
Building Services	45,220		45,220
Sanatorium Ministry	900		900
Annuity Participation	323,000		323,000
Property & Building Maintenance	143,196		143,196
Soc. Sec. & Insurance (Board)	105,000		105,000
SUB-TOTAL	2,469,993	96,770	2,566,763
ADMINISTRATION — PROMOTION			
Promotion and Misc.	3,000		3,000
Public Relations	11,000		11,000
Convention Session	8,000		8,000
Convention Annual, Diary, etc.	20,000		20,000
Convention Bd. & Comm. Mtgs.	17,000		17,000
Executive Secretary-Treasurer	87,804		87,804
Business Office	104,023		104,023
Special Program Promotion	22,000		22,000
Exec. Secretary Emeritus	3,600		3,600
SUB-TOTAL	276,427	171,770	276,427
STATE CAUSES GRAND TOTAL	\$4,828,570		\$5,000,340
S B C CAUSES			
Southern Baptist Convention	2,169,430	124,230	2,293,660
Northern Plains	6,000		6,000
SUB-TOTAL	2,175,430	124,230	2,299,660
GRAND TOTAL ALL CAUSES	\$7,004,000	\$296,000	\$7,300,000
STATE MISSION OFFERING OBJECTS			
Church Building Aid			
Pastoral Aid			
WMU Programs			
New Missions			

Total Budget to be determined in January '76 — After 1975 receipts are tallied.



Chester Vaughn, Program Director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Leonard Wedel, Nashville, Salary Administration Plan Consultant, and Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, (L. to R.) all spoke at the meeting of the Board on Monday afternoon.

Baptists Urged To Join In A History Writing Contest

As a special Bicentennial project, the Historical Commission, SBC, is sponsoring a "Baptist History Writing Contest." Entries must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1976.

During the observance of the U.S.A. Bicentennial, Americans are taking a new look at the history of their nation. Baptists, too, need to review their own past. This contest, in which all Baptists are cordially invited to participate, is designed to encourage creative reflection on our Baptist heritage.

The three categories of entries are: (a) Books dealing with the history of Baptist subjects, such as institutions, persons, issues,

events, or periods; (b) Histories of local churches and associations; (c) Unpublished manuscripts (3,000 - 5,000 words) dealing with the same kinds of Baptist historical subjects as in category A.

Awards for the contest will include: Category A — first place \$175 plus a plaque; Category B — first place (\$150 plus a plaque); Category C — first place (\$100 plus a plaque). Second and third place winners in each category will receive certificates of honorable mention.

To obtain details and an application blank, write the Historical Commissions, SBC, 127 9th Avenue, N., Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

Criswell Blasts Detente

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who subsequently lost his race for re-election.

Criswell read Isaiah 10:1-5 at the beginning of his message. It tells about the Assyrian conquest of the Israelite nation. He termed the Russian empire "more brutal and merciless" than the Assyrians.

Has God allowed the expansion of Red Russia as a scourge, as a chastisement of the decline of the Christian faith in the free and western world? Criswell wondered. "I do not know," he acknowledged. "Only God knows."

Church Is Tolerated
He said the Moscow Baptist Church is tolerated as a "showcase" for religious freedom in Russia. "The people (church members) are hurt and oppressed, and you can see it in their faces," he recalled.

Criswell also recounted standing in the long line to visit the tomb of Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Communist state in Russia.

When Lenin died, Criswell said, the government pronouncement went like this: "No man ever wrought as Lenin. He was the greatest teacher of all times. He was the greatest leader among men. He was the author of a new social order. He was the savior of the world. But he's dead."

Criswell said this same testi-

mony can be applied to Jesus Christ with some modifications: "No man ever wrought as Christ. He is the greatest teacher of all times. He is the greatest leader among men. He is the author of a new social order. He is the Savior of the world." The difference, he observed, is that "Christ is alive." He is "our coming, reigning King."

SBC Directory - - -

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ter transfers, and providing geographical information to families moving to new areas.

The directory is valuable to churches participating in several new Southern Baptist projects of finding and enlisting church members and prospects. These include "Hello Baptists," "People Search," "Reach Out '75" and "The Covenant Fellowship Emphases."

The Southern Baptist directory is also useful to state and associational officers in work with area churches.

The 1975 update of the "Directory of Southern Baptist Churches" is available from the Materials Services Department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234. It is also listed on the undated materials order form.

Alaska Baptists Battle Heat

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Alaskans battled the "heat wave," convention business proceeded. Virgil Chron, pastor of Muldoon Road Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, was elected to a second term as president.

The convention's executive board reported the projected sale of 50 acres of land for \$1 million, with the proceeds to go into an endowment fund for the Alaska Baptist Family Service Center. The land, a gift to the convention, was designated for that purpose.

The convention will designate \$42,782 of its new budget for the Cooperative Program.

The 1976 annual session of the Alaska Baptist Convention will meet Aug. 10-12, at First Baptist Church, Sitka.

Youth Night - - -

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sociate in the Church Training Department of the board, is in charge of arrangements for the meeting.

Dr. Pleitz is immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Pastors Conference.

Moving the Young Night to sometime in August had been considered but was not put into effect this year on account of conflict with early season football games, it was announced.

Brotherhood Sets Purpose, Direction

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therhood functions between 1975 and 1984.

The priorities include developing a communications and promotion plan for specific Baptist groups; developing a funding plan including endowments, wills, trusts, grants and SBC resources; developing a marketing plan for periodicals and merchandise; providing leadership for world mission conferences; further developing leadership training services; providing leadership for special mission projects; and moving to twice-a-year meetings of commission trustees.

In other actions, the commission re-elected its current officers and adopted a 1975-76 budget of \$1,411,145, a decrease of \$19,193 from the 1974-75 budget.

Re-elected as commission officers were chairman P. A. Stevens, president of Fire Protection of Louisville, Ky., Inc.; vice chairman Charles M. Becton, pas-

tor of First Baptist Church in McAlester, Oklahoma; and secretary William E. Hardy Jr., minister of education, First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi.

Adopting a resolution from its Royal Ambassador committee, the Commission asked that a letter be written to the national offices of Boy Scouts of America requesting that they discontinue promoting the combining of the Boy Scout organization and the Royal Ambassador program of Baptist churches. Royal Ambassadors is a missions program for boys, ages 6-17. The recommendation further asked that the group cease "the publication of copyrighted Royal Ambassador materials."

Support of Position

The Commission expressed support of the position regarding Boy Scouts as released earlier this year by McCullough, who pointed out that fourteen years ago the SBC decisively rejected efforts to establish a relationship between Royal Ambassadors

and Boy Scouts.

"These messengers saw the threat of a divided loyalty in churches between two boy's groups in the areas of purpose, funding and leadership," McCullough said.

The commission also voted not to hold a national Royal Ambassador congress in 1978 and approved a proposal to join the Baptist Sunday School Board and Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in sponsoring and joint planning of an advance mountaineering program called Christian High Adventure.

Trustees also approved an agreement with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, SBC, outlining a process for the employment of a full time director to promote world mission conferences in Baptist associations, to work on the Brotherhood Commission

staff.

The commission spent one afternoon reviewing the actions of the past year, including the decision by trustees last February to cut the staff by 25 percent in light of a financial crisis.

"The reduction in staff earlier this year has made it impossible for us to accelerate our programs as we wanted," said McCullough in his report to the trustees, "but I have not retreated one step in my dreams and expectations for this agency. The need has not been reduced; the potential has not been made smaller; the opportunities have not decreased; and enthusiasm has not lessened," he said.

As a result of the action, McCullough told the trustees, the agency "is now on solid financial ground for meeting the challenges of our missions assignment."

Richardson Stresses Freedom At Graduation

Stressing the responsibility of educational freedom and emphasizing the Bicentennial celebration of the nation, a prominent Mississippi pastor told the Mississippi College summer graduating class Friday afternoon to enjoy the freedoms that they have.

Dr. James Richardson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leland and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, outlined the freedoms enjoyed by everyone as the college closed out its 149th academic session during ceremonies in Jackson's City Auditorium.

The summer commencement class numbered 183 individuals, with 108 receiving one of the master's degree offered by the college, while 75 were awarded one of six bachelor degrees available, and two were awarded the Education Specialist degree.

The latter was a first for Mississippi College and represents 30 semester hours of academic work beyond the master's on the part of the recipients. Those receiving the degree were Archie King of Clinton and Billy Dean Roberts, also of Clinton, both administrators in the Jackson schools.

Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, presented the diplomas to the graduates, assisted by Dr. Charles Martin, vice-president, for academic affairs, and Dr. Ed McMillan, dean of the graduate school.

Receiving the honorary doctor of laws degree was the Rt. Rev. John M. Allin, presiding Bishop of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. Rev. Allin, a former Mississippian who served for some 16 years in various religious posts in the state, received his master's



Mississippi College commencement personalities are, left to right, Rev. Tom Hudson, pastor Oak Forrest Church, Jackson; Dr. Ralph Bethea, Memphis, missionary to Africa; Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college; and Dr. James Richardson, commencement speaker, who is president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and pastor of First Church, Leland.

Baptists Help Bengali Refugees Help Selves

DUTTA PARA, Bangladesh (BP) — a newly built campsite houses more than 25,000 Bengali refugees here who were moved out of Cacca because the city was reportedly overcrowded and could not support all its people.

The residents of Dutta Para are among the poorest in the world, says Southern Baptist missionary James F. McKinley Jr., and the least amount of rain brings tragedy.

The refugees' poor condition and the threat of floodwaters prompted a 21-day "food for work" project, funded by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Some 2,229 baskets of earth were carried to raise the foundation area of the little huts at the site, so rains bringing floods would not wash them away.

The baskets of earth, were carried by refugee men and women participating in the "food for work" project. The workers were paid half of their salary in wheat and half in cash so they could purchase a few necessities.

"We watched after a little shower as women dipped water by the pan full out of the huts," McKinley said. "When it rains, they huddle together as if a terrible storm were blowing. To them every little rain is a terrible storm."

The graveyard is always a center of activity. Death strikes often. Many of the graves are shallow. At night, the jackals steal the decaying bodies from the more shallow ones.

"Faces are hard, life is hard," McKinley said. "Not many care. Perhaps most of the time it seems no one cares."

"Life was better for those 21 days," McKinley said of the Dutta Para project. "There was food to eat — bread from the wheat. There was some money to buy

fuel and cooking oil."

The Bangali Christian young men who helped McKinley in the project had their devotional meeting in this camp where every family but two is Muslim. As they sang, prayed and read from the

Bible, many gathered to try to understand these men.

"We may not have been doing all there was to do," McKinley said, "but in the name of Jesus, we were doing what we could at the time."



HAND AND HEAD — Moving the dirt to raise the foundations of the huts in the refugee camps in Bangladesh was done by hand and head.



GLAD TO BE WORKING—Despite heavy load and solemn face, this man is glad to be working. His wages for the day will be four pounds of wheat and 65 cents. (BR Photos by Danny Hill)



THE ELDERLY STARVE — An older woman stood around the paying time of a food for work program sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. If she is lucky someone in her family will feed her.



GRAIN BY GRAIN — after the workers are paid their four pound of wheat and small amount of money, the desperate pick up the spilled grains one by one.

Baptist Leaders Rap Mrs. Ford For Views

NASHVILLE (BP) — Several Baptist leaders have joined in the increasing response to comments by First Lady Betty Ford on premarital sex in a nationally televised program on CBS-TV.

Ben C. Fisher, executive director - treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention's Education Commission here, and George E. Bagley of Birmingham, executive secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, both sent communications to President Ford's wife expressing dismay over her comments. Earlier, in an interview with newspapers in Dallas, W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, and former SBC president, also took sharp exception to Mrs. Ford's point of view.

Mrs. Ford told newsmen Morley Safer in an interview on "60 Minutes" she would not be surprised if her daughter, Susan, 18, decided to have an affair and also suggested, in general, "premarital relations with the right partner might lower the divorce rate."

She also said she assumed all her children have tried marijuana, out of curiosity, and added she might have tried it herself had the drug been popular when she was young.

"Your position on premarital sex comes as a shock and a disappointment," Fisher said in a letter to Mrs. Ford. "At a time when many families are struggling against the rising tide of permissiveness, your remarks come as a very hard blow."

"While we are still reeling from a backwash of Chappaquiddick and Watergate, I feel that your statement has done lasting damage to home and family," said Fisher, who also expressed his discouragement about "what is apparently your attitude toward use of marijuana."

In a telegram to Mrs. Ford, Bagley said, "Such an endorsement by one who holds such a prestigious position is appalling in the face of so much premarital sex across the nation and the high rate of divorce brought about by infidelity."

Bagley said many parents faced

tory retirement age of 65 on March 8, 1976, will retire on that date.

with this problem with their own children will undoubtedly find their opposition to this sort of thing attacked.

He said he wanted to encourage "all people of every denomination and faith to contact Mrs. Ford and protest this endorsement."

Gilbert Guffin, also of Birmingham, chairman of the Christian life and public affairs commission of the Alabama convention, added: "Mrs. Ford's remarks reflect a distressing and deplorable sense of moral principle that conflicts gravely with the teachings of Christians, Jews, and many other religious groups."

Fisher noted: "As an individual, of course, you have every right to your views on any subject, but as First Lady of our land, all public remarks carry great weight and influence."

Thelma Williamson Resigns For Tulsa Church Position

Miss Thelma Williamson, of Jackson, for the past two years pre-school associate in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has resigned to accept a position on the staff of First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.

She will be the director of childhood education on the church staff.

Miss Williamson came to the Convention Board position from the staff of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, where she was children's director for the first through the sixth grades. She will assume her new position in Tulsa on Sept. 1.

She is a native of Ellenwood, Ga., and holds degrees from Tift College in Georgia and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans. She has also worked as a secretary at the seminary and as kindergarten director and elementary director at First Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La.

"Ministers No Longer In Ivory Towers," Says Dr. Grey At BMC Bible Conference

If there ever was a time that ministers confined themselves to ivory towers away from the real world, that time is long past, said Dr. J. D. Grey, who was featured in a recent Bible Conference hosted by Blue Mountain College.

Dr. Grey, who was ordained to preach 50 years ago this November, said: "I have seen the total involvement of ministers as citizens and leaders in civic improvement. Ministers are no longer in ivory towers isolated from today's world."

"As prophets in the Old Testament would cry out against social, political and all other ills of the community, God expects his prophets today to hold up a high standard."

Providing counseling services for alcoholics, unwed mothers and drug addicts are some of the ways ministers are involved, said Dr. Grey, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Crime Commission of New Orleans.

Another area that ministers should expand their efforts is in programs for senior citizens, he said. "A needy field today is the senior citizens. We need to let them know they count. We need to encourage them."

Mr. Baptist, as Dr. Grey is affectionately known in New Orleans, said the government has taken over some of the duties, such as providing food and clothing for the poor, that churches had in the past. He said the government's taking over these tasks probably stems from the principles Christians have professed. Although the government is now working in these areas, Dr. Grey doesn't feel churches should forget their duties in them.

Another matter that the veteran minister is emphatic about is the need for strong ministers who will instill a positive attitude in their congregations.

"All over the land are churches that are suffering for want of the dynamic and aggressive leadership of pastors," he said. "Laymen are waiting for ministers to challenge them. A good minister doesn't drive but he leads the congregation."

The reason many ministers do not provide the kind of leadership the laymen need is because they are afraid of their congregation.

"When a man of God asserts his authority as a leader, he shouldn't have any fear," said Dr. Grey, who is past president of both the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. "I think people want a preacher to tell it like it is. Oftentimes the congregation is repulsed by a man who pussyfoots

and soft peddles the message."

Dr. Grey believes that part of being an effective leader lies in the minister's ability to help his congregation attain a positive attitude. This is especially true when it concerns young people, who he feels are often treated in a pessimistic manner. Keeping the laymen's spirits up is an important role of the minister, he continued.

While doing the many tasks he is responsible for, a minister should not neglect his family, said Dr. Grey who has seen this neglect occur on numerous occasions.

"I chide preachers just a little bit," the retired minister said. "I say they're building up their churches while tearing down their families. The church should come first and the wife should be agreeable to this. But a pastor must reserve time for his family so the family can be an example to the laymen of what a family homelife should be."

According to Dr. Grey, who is author of Epitaphs For Eager Preachers, ministering to the people is not an easy task. That is why when he hears someone say a man has become a pastor for the money he will get, he has to laugh.

"As far as pay is concerned, no preacher worth his salt is in it (the ministry) for the money," he said. "A man would have to have his head examined if he thinks he can go into it to make a lot of money. Every successful preacher I've known could have

Dr. Grey is a strong believer in the Baptist conviction that preachers are divinely called by God. Reports he has heard of men leaving the ministry indicate to him that they shouldn't have gotten into it in the first place. "If God has called them, they would feel like Paul" who said: "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," he said.

Although some denominations are concerned because they have a shortage of ministers, Dr. Grey said his denomination has an adequate supply.

He is especially proud of the fact that a higher percentage than ever before of the Baptist ministers today have college and seminary training. He feels training such as this is essential in today's world because most congregations have a larger number of educated people.

"God seems to have an affinity for a trained mind," Dr. Grey said. "All other professions have educational requirements. Why should we lower it in the ministry?"

Former Texas Editor's Widow Dies At Age 83

DALLAS (BP)—Mrs. Sadie Ray Woodward (David M.) Gardner, widow of a former editor of the Baptist Standard, died here August 22. She would have been 84 years-old on September 23.

Mrs. Gardner made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ned P. King Jr., of Dallas, formerly a member and elected secretary of the southern Baptist Executive Committee.

Mrs. Gardner's late husband — David M. Gardner — who edited the Texas Baptist publication from 1944-54, died in 1972.

Following their marriage in 1915, the Gardners lived in Clarendon and Memphis, Tex. where he served as pastor. They moved to Birmingham, Ala., where he pastored Ensley Baptist Church and later to St. Petersburg, Fla., where he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, until he became editor of the Baptist Standard in 1944.

Funeral services were held in First Baptist Church, Dallas, where Mrs. Gardner was a member 31 years. W. A. Criswell, pastor, and Alton Reed, retired president of the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, officiated.

Survivors include Mrs. King; another daughter, Mrs. Earl Neelands of Jackson, Miss.; a brother, John J. Woodward of Birmingham; a grandson in Dallas and two granddaughters in California.

New Organist At 1st, Jackson

Robert Lee of Scottsboro, Alabama has joined the music staff at First Church, Jackson as music assistant — organist. Robert is a native of Alabama and a recent graduate of Samford University, where he received his Bachelor of Music degree.

While at Samford, he was an honor student, graduating magna cum laude, student director and accompanist of the Samford University chorale, accompanist for the BSU Choir, drum major for the university band, a dorm counselor, and served as organist and youth director at the East Lake Methodist Church in Birmingham.

His work at First, Jackson, will include serving as organist for all services, directing the handbell choirs, accompanying several choirs and assisting Larry Black, minister of music, with choral groups. He made far more money in professional life.



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EDITORIAL Gone Home

"Bro. Riley" has gone home. Yes, he was "Dad," "Grand-daddy," "Uncle Rufe," and "L.R." to some, but to most friends, and there were hundreds of them, he was just "Bro. Riley."

He lived almost 98 years, and many thought that he was good for a hundred. Death came, however, on August 11, and now he has gone home... to his eternal home.

He had spoken of that eternal home often in recent years, and one of the songs that he chose for his funeral was an old time hymn, "The Home of the Soul."

A question he often asked when he met people was, "Are you going to heaven when you die?" He knew that he was going there, and he wanted everyone else to be born again so that they could go too.

His favorite hymn was "Jesus Paid It All," and at his request it was sung by the congregation at the funeral services. One of his last statements to a member of his family was "I am so glad that Christ died for our sins."

His love for people, and concern for their souls, made him a great soul winner. He never lost an opportunity to tell people about his Savior. Many came to Christ because of his witness.

While his body lay in state, a man standing by the casket looking at him said to me "He came to our town and won the three meanest men there. I was one of them. He was concerned about us and wouldn't let us go on without Christ."

A woman who came to one of the memorial services to show her respect and love, said "I am a Baptist today because of him." She was a neighbor, who lived a block or two from his last home. In his daily walks, he had seen her working in her yard. Stopping to visit with her, it was natural for him to ask her about her soul. When he found she wasn't sure about her salvation, he quoted to her scriptures concerning salvation, and showed her how to be saved. He didn't need a Bible to do that. He read his Bible so much, and knew so much of it by memory that he just opened the word to her from his own store of its truths.

This had been his life. From the time God called him to preach almost two-thirds of a century ago, he had been a preacher and teacher of the Word. He loved the Bible and believed it. The hundreds of sermon outlines which he left behind, reveal how that he filled every inch of a page of paper with his points and truth and scripture references. The outlines were filled with the Bible, and so was his preaching. Those who sat under his ministry were never left undeveloped. To him the Bible was the infallible, inerrant Word of God and he studied it and preached it.

He was a pastor who fulfilled the highest meaning of the word. From his first rural church in Western Kentucky, through pastorates of various sized churches in West Tennessee and West Kentucky, he loved the people, was a true shepherd of the flock, and tirelessly ministered to his congregation. Wherever he pastored the people loved him, for they knew that he loved them. Along with his companion, whom he had married only a few years before God called him to preach, he had visited the homes of the people, prayed with them, wept

with them, comforted them, rejoiced with them, and shared in their lives. He never lost that concern for every individual.

He was a church builder. Every church he ever pastored grew in its spirituality, its program, its stewardship, its prayer life, its missionary support, and its evangelism. If he came to a church and found it in debt, he set out to pay that debt. If there was need for an enlarged program, he led the church into adopting plans for it. In his last three pastorates, all of them part-time churches which he served after he was sixty-five years of age, he led the congregations to erect new buildings. Those three splendid brick buildings stand today as monuments to his leadership, his dedication and his tireless effort.

He was a Baptist. In West Kentucky he was called "Mr. Baptist" by many. He believed that Baptist churches were New Testament churches, and that Baptist doctrine came from the New Testament itself. He believed those doctrines and he preached them. He believed in defending the faith "once delivered to the saints," and was ever ready to give answer to anyone who asked him concerning the faith that was in him. In the later years of his life, he taught in more than sixty churches a series of studies on Baptist history and doctrine that he himself had prepared. He was author of several tracts on salvation and doctrine, and of a book "Baptists and Their Doctrines." Of this book he sometimes said, "This is what Baptists used to believe."

He was vitally interested in denominational life. He was a Southern Baptist and not ashamed of it. Those who would try to pull toward an "independent" status, found no sympathy with him. He was opposed to liberalism and modernism, but he opposed them within the denomination. He attended numerous Southern Baptist conventions. Often we have heard him tell of the convention in Hot Springs. He was present when Dr. George Truett gave his famous sermon from the steps of the Capitol in Washington in 1920. He personally had spoken to J. B. Gambrell, E. Y. Mullins, L. R. Scarborough and other Southern Baptist giants. He often reminded us of the Sunday in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1934, when he with Mrs. Riley, and his daughter and son-in-law, heard Dr. J. Frank Norris in the morning, Dr. R. G. Lee in the afternoon and Dr. George W. Truett in Dallas that night. Bro. Riley had served as moderator of several associations, on state convention boards in Kentucky and Tennessee, and on the board of trustees of the Clear Creek Mountain Preacher's school in the Kentucky mountains.

In the retirement years he was especially interested in the Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, a school for training preachers and others, located in the town of Mayfield where he lived. During one term he taught in the school. At another time he made a suggestion for a "Dollar" fund raising drive that raised many dollars for the institution. He was deeply interested in the young preachers who attended there, and now, since his home going, a special memorial "Student Loan Fund" has been established in his honor. Friends have been invited to contribute to that a living memorial to him.

One of his finest activities in re-

tirement years, while still living in Mayfield, was his counselling with preachers. Many of them made their way to his door for counsel and prayer concerning their ministry, church problems, and other matters. He loved preachers and they loved him, and many have spoken of what he and Mrs. Riley meant to them.

Bro. Riley was interested in his community and his nation. He had voted in every presidential election in this century. He knew governors, congressmen, and state and local political leaders, and men always knew exactly where he stood on every moral issue, or matter for community betterment.

Now he is gone. His voice is stilled. No longer will he be talking to people about being born again. Neither will he be recalling from his great memory stories from days long gone, or even poetry and prose from the old McGuffey readers which he had studied more than four score years ago.

He sought no great place. He simply wanted to serve his Lord as best he could wherever that Lord placed him. He was devoted to his family. In the late years of his life when his companion was confined to a wheel chair because of broken health, he cared for her with warm devotion. Had he lived two more months; they would have been married 69 years. He also was dedicated to his daughter and son-in-law with whom he had lived in the past few years, and loved his grandchildren dearly.

Church membership in his retirement years was first at High Point Church in Mayfield, Ky., and then in First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., and he attended faithfully as long as he was able. When he could no longer attend he watched the services each Sunday on television. He loved his pastors, other church leaders, and all the people. Even when he could not attend, his offering envelope went faithfully to the church each week. To him, Christ was to be glorified in the church, and he sought to do just that. The last worship services he attended were two nights of the Billy Graham Mississippi Crusade in the stadium in Jackson. There one night, Billy Graham invited him for a conference before the service began. The two had a great fellowship for a little while. He had looked forward to seeing Billy in the September telecasts of the Jackson meeting.

God, however, had other plans, and has called his servant home. Those who knew him and now are left behind grieve because they miss him so much, yet through their tears rejoice, for they know of the joy that is his with his Lord, and with so many friends who had preceded him to "The Home of the Soul."

A Personal Word—

Each member of our family would like to take this means of saying we appreciate every expression of sympathy and concern which we have received in the recent home-going of our loved one.

Your thoughtfulness which has been expressed in so many ways, has meant so much to us.

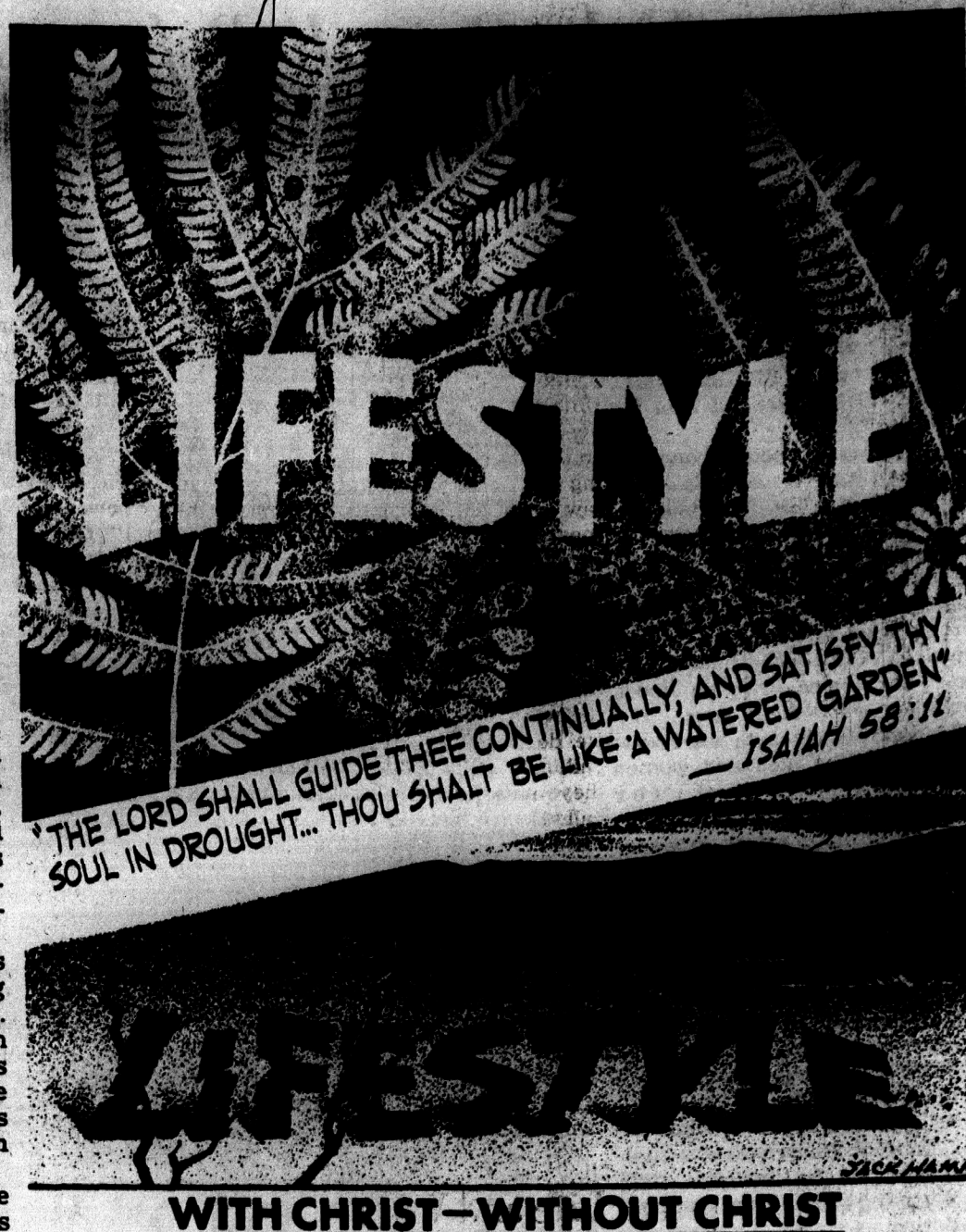
Thank you also for your prayers in our behalf.

May God bless each one of you.

Mrs. Riley, Nabel, Joe and Sarah.

ALL FOR JESUS by Wallace D. Chapell (Broadman, 6 pp., \$3.50) The author is senior minister of the McKendry United Methodist Church in downtown Nashville. Here he warm effective sermons concerning Christ and his dealings with people. Themessages are textual and clear in outline and rich in illustration. An attractive volume of fresh preaching.

TRUTHS THAT TRANSFORM by D. James Kennedy Revel, 100 large pp., \$4.95) The famed pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Florida, widely known for his outstanding book on evangelism "Evangelism Explosion" has prepared a companion volume on Great Christian doctrines. The subtitle is "Christian Doctrines For Your Life Today." These arich, scripture based sermons on the latest doctrines of the Christian faith. Istors will do well to secure this book) aid them in preaching on the great doctrines. Laymen will find sound exposition of glorious scriptural truth to give them assurance of the things which we believe. This is a readable, exciting book considering the depth of the subject. I recommend that it have a wide reasg.



WITH CHRIST—WITHOUT CHRIST

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Open Letter

To Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Gerald Ford
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500
Dear Mrs. Ford:

We, the members of East Fork Baptist Church, Smithdale, Mississippi 38664, have heard your statements about "pot" and "pre-marital" living on radio and T.V. We also have heard that you are now attempting to retract those statements and that you did not mean them as the news media first stated them. We sincerely hope that you did not mean those statements.

Anyway, we wish to say to you that we base our living on the Bible, God's Holy Word, and we cannot find any basis for your statements there. Therefore, we totally disagree with your statements.

We also feel that in making these statements you have hurt yourself, your husband, who is our president, and your family.

You'll have to remember that the Christian world is watching and listening to you.

We are praying for you.
Bro. George Bowers, pastor
Mrs. Earl Langenstein, church clerk

Bicentennial Ideas For Religious Organizations

Dear Sir:

Americans in every town, village and neighborhood throughout Mississippi and across the nation are being called upon to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the American Revolution throughout 1976. During the Bicentennial Era, from now through 1976, you can provide time and energy to develop Bicentennial activities individually, through groups and throughout the community. Volunteer your knowledge and diverse abilities to help build a more meaningful and rewarding Bicentennial commemoration.

Here are some suggestions that can be used to stimulate group discussion and the ultimate planning for the Bicentennial.

Develop a Bicentennial Bookshelf of religious books and pamphlets written in colonial America, contemporary comparisons, and books on American history.

Hold parishioners' reading and discussion groups to discuss religion in American history, American Revolution, value of religious freedom, etc.

Host guest speakers on similar topics.

Hold Monthly Bicentennial sermons comparing changes in religious values in the last 200 years; religion and education; future of religious freedom and religious participation; famous religious Revolutionary War figures; past, present and future role of the church in American policymaking and institutions.

Hold clothing and food drives for the needy.

Re-enact a sermon given 100 or 200 years ago.

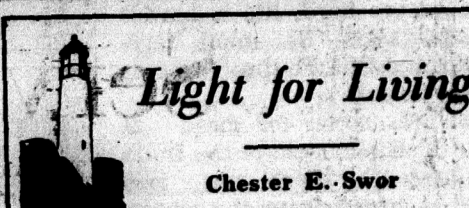
Add early American themes such as dress, hymns, foods and children's games to religious gatherings such as picnics.

Instigate a clean-up campaign in your community.

Clean-up abandoned cemeteries and record for posterity grave inscriptions.

Celebrate the Bicentennial with interfaith church services, exchanges, and dinners.

Perry A. Snyder, Director, Mississippi American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.



The Glory Of Work

... Whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (Romans 10:31-b) is a challenging thought for the approaching Labor Day celebration of our nation. The awareness that any honorable job can be done to the glory of God adds a dimension of great significance to the individual's work-time activity, and at least some workers have discovered that doing their jobs with that motivation has lifted even the humdrum to a new level of meaning.

I knew a "street-sweeper in England who honestly felt that he was cooperating with God in keeping the earth a bit cleaner... a porter in a metropolitan railway station who felt that he was literally and figuratively helping to lift men's loads by carrying their bags and by dispensing Christian cheer as he did so... a garbage collector in an Eastern city who declared that he was making the world a more endurable place by helping to remove its waste... a postman who looks for opportunities to deliver "good news of the gospel" at every opportunity as he meets people on his route... a taxi driver who told me that he didn't have the education to permit him to fill a pulpit, but that he could share his Christian spirit with any interested or needful rider... doctors, lawyers, business men, housewives, and a host of others who preface the title of their professions and vocations with the word Christian when they are asked what they do.

Whatever one's work may be, if he or she really wishes to do it to the glory of God, so that even in working hours one's life becomes a vital witness, ways can be found and the spirit that glorifies God can be developed.

The glorifying spirit in which the individual does his work will be all the more impressive if he is doing his work skillfully, honestly, unselfishly, and faithfully. In the well-remembered Parable of Talents, the commendation of the Lord was not on the basis of the number of talents or the high or low position of the steward, but, rather, on the faithfulness with which each had performed his stewardship.

At the end of life's journey, as each of us stands in the presence of the Great Task-master, how wonderful it will be if we can hear him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

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NEWEST BOOKS

CELEBRATING THE BICENTENNIAL RESOURCE KIT edited by Mic Morrow, Church Training Department, BSSB, SBC (Sunday School Board, SBC) This new resource kit produced by the Church Services and Materials Division of the Sunday School Board is packed full of exciting materials for use by churches and by families in celebrating America's Bicentennial in 1976. Among items included are a booklet, *Celebrating the Bicentennial, A Church Guide*; *A Family Bicentennial Calendar* (this gives historic songs, recipes, facts, and ideas for celebrating each month) twelve drawings concerning Baptists and religious freedom; a process guide for a Baptist treasure hunt; study suggestions for great Baptist historical documents; a Bill of Rights poster; outstanding events of twenty decades, outlined on small cards; an "Ideas" series; a "how to" series; a travel map of the U. S., showing Baptist historical sites; suggestions for developing a street fair; a street fair model; a bibliography; an order form with prices for different items in the kit; a vinyl recording, "Great Moments in Baptist History"; a Broadman filmclip with narration sheet for "Great Moments in Baptist History." Also there's an idea

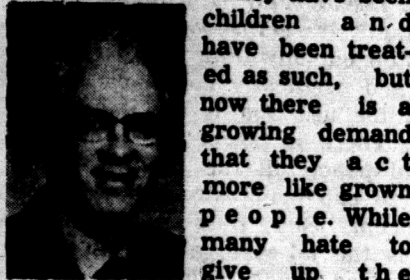
sheet on preaching during the Bicentennial. In fact, this kit is a regular treasure trove of information on Baptist history and of imaginative ideas for celebrating the country's 200th birthday. Every church would do well to order one. Individuals and families will find the kit helpful, too, in their own private celebrations.

DISCOVERY: GOD'S CALL KIT (Convention Press, \$3.50) This resource kit from the Church Administration Department, BSSB, supports one of the denominational emphases for 1975-76 — *Discovery: God's Call*. The new book in the kit, *VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE IN A CHURCH* (Convention Press, 127 pp., paper) presents the theology of vocations, opportunities in church vocations, and the denomination's resources for equipping persons for church vocations. It was written by Francis A. Martin, Alice S. Magill, and Ernest E. Mosley. A cassette tape in the kit offers help on understanding and using God's gifts, as well as testimonies from persons in church vocations. Also included are several booklets, such as *Frontiers of Church Vocations* by H. K. Neely, Jr. and *Guiding Youth for Church Vocations* by John G. Mitchell, and a series of leaflets on various church vocations.

Accepting The Challenge To Grow

By Wm. J. Falls
Matthew 5:43-48; 2 Timothy 1:3 to 2:7

Most teenagers have within themselves the chemical resources for the timely growth of their physical bodies, whether they want to grow or not. But while they are achieving physical adulthood, their ideas about themselves and their relations with others are under stress. They have been



children and have been treated as such, but now there is a growing demand that they act more like grown people. While many hate to give up the shelter of childhood, they really want the rights and privileges of adulthood. One day they may throw a childish tantrum, but the next they are demanding a little respect as a teenager. They want their rights but they hesitate to accept responsibilities partly because they fear failure. Christians, too, continue to add years to their lives, but they must accept the challenge to become mature in Christian faith and act.

The Lesson Explained
LIVING ABOVE MEN'S LAWS
(Matt. 5:43-48)

Although this passage is not in the printed text for the lesson, it provides some very pertinent ideas on the theme. For the fifth time in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Ye have heard..." In the other cases he was contrasting obedience to the letter of the law with obedience to its inner meaning. Here he cites a God-given law to which men have added what they thought was a justified second half: "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." Because God had not said who their neighbor was, they limited the word in many ways — just as we do. But Jesus said that as children of the Father in heaven, they must love the people they called enemies. God makes no distinction; he sends sunshine and rain on all classes.

REKINDLING GOD'S GIFT
(2 Tim. 1:6-10)

As Paul began to write this letter, he remembered the home in which Timothy grew up. Both his grandmother and mother had been women of "unfeigned faith," and Paul knew that Timothy was just as sincere in his own believing. But that gift of

size and weight; it is a capacity, an attitude, a commitment to be used of God. Paul used the figure of a bed of glowing embers needing to be stirred to flame up again. Timothy is responsible for doing the stirring; he already has the gift from God. But he must accept the challenge to act and grow. God's Spirit does not make the believer timid but gives him "power and love and self-control" (RSV).

Timothy must not be ashamed of declaring the truth about the Lord or ashamed of Paul, who was in jail because of his devotion to the Lord. Instead, he must bear his own share of the risk and suffering because of the gospel, even though he may not have expected it. Some feel that verses 9-10 came from a hymn of that time. At any rate, they sum up Paul's conviction that God saved us and called us for his purpose and by his grace without any merit on our part. That grace came in Christ Jesus "ages ago" (RSV) but it became apparent in the life and death of Jesus. Then in his resurrection he "ended the power of death, and through the Good News he has revealed immortal life" (TEV). God is not a something of certain

ACCEPTING SUFFERING
IN LIFE (2 Tim. 2:1-7)

As Paul continued with his letter, he mentioned two men in Asia Minor who had turned away from him (v. 15) and another who had been most helpful (vv. 16-18). In this passage he returns to Timothy's need for strength and endurance. Perhaps the younger man had not expected the Christian life to be so demanding, or perhaps the pressures of the ministry far outweighed its satisfactions. Whatever the problem, Paul urged him to "be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." Also, he must pass on to trustworthy men what Paul had taught him so they could teach others.

To illustrate the endurance Paul wants Timothy to have, he used three figures: soldier, athlete, and farmer. To take his share in the hardness of active military life, a soldier must not be involved in things back home. The athlete who really wants to win must compete "according to the rules" (RSV). It is the farmer who really does the work who has the first right to the crop. In each case, perseverance in spite of suffering and hard discipline brought its reward.



Sometimes you just have to throw the fishing pole over your shoulder, turn around, and drag the fish out of the water.

The fishing business has sophisticated itself greatly, robbing many folks, especially children, of the fun of creekbank or pond-side fishing. When our boys were little they always had access to some "country" — the kind where little boys dug worms (James made it easier by maintaining a wormbed), put them in a can, and gleefully headed for the pond or creek. If crickets were preferred bait, catching them was seldom a problem. The sun kept shining, and the fish kept biting.

True branches of the vine, the boys early in their fishing experiences learned that some fish do get away, but the best fish stories are the ones in which you tell how you finally caught the scaly rascal. Ours probably were not the first little boys to use the major technique they discovered for successfully landing the fish, but they were the first ones we saw use it, and it delighted us. One of my favorite memory pictures is one in which I see a little boy's back as he heads away from the water's edge with his fishing pole over his shoulder, literally landing the fish by sheeringly dragging it out of the water and up the hill or away from the pond, not once looking back until he knows he is far enough away that if the fish gets off the hook it can't flop back into the water.

Occasionally the little boy would sit down and rest. Usually, though, he would yell in triumphant joy and run to add the fish to his stringer and the details of the event to his own personal fishlore.

All my life I've come to times when I've had to turn around, shoulder my pole and drag the

fish out — when trying to do something the conventional way was not good enough, when God's will didn't coincide with mine, when something proved harder than I expected it to, when I felt threatened by failure, when it was a matter of do or die. Most of the time, though, I haven't yelled for joy but have quietly said, "Thank you, Lord," and added to a long succession of Presence-filled experiences and to a massive personal love story about a grown-up child and her God.

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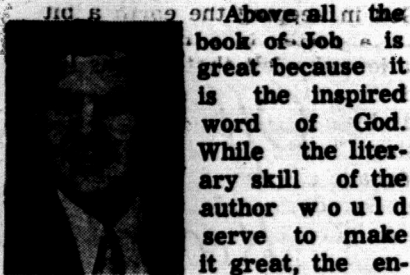


Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Do We Serve God For Gain?

By Bill Duncan
Job 1-2

Someone has said that "life is a stage and all men are actors." However you interpret life, we all see ourselves as clearly carrying out roles of a drama. This is why we all love the book of Job. It has suspense and graphic descriptions; it contains word plays, metaphors, similes and makes much use of irony. The work of Job is great partly because of the literary skill which produce it. Job is dramatic and not a drama to be staged.



During quality of Job is the result of divine inspiration. It is holy scripture and speaks of intense and unexplained suffering of every age. It cries out against injustices and inequities of life to an age torn by riots, bombing and burning.

The central character of the book was a man with a real name, Job, and a man who lived in a particular place and had a personal name. The picture of Job is that of a righteous man who lived a blameless life — properly related to God and his fellows. Though Job was such a man, he became one of the world's great sufferers.

In any terms, Job was a successful man. The point is made rather clear that when it came to endowments, gifts, merits, standards, character and first class recommendations, this man Job was at the top of the heap.

It is clear that God was pleased or proud of Job. Satan appears to be one that accuses or slanders all men. Satan sneers: "Come now, do you really think that Job believes in God? Does he really love God because he wants to or because he is being paid for piety by good luck?"

The most agonizing question in all communities of faith is the relation between the good life and good luck. It seems that men believe that to be a moral and upright person means that God will treat you right.

Satan scorns God's example by saying, "Oh well, you can point out Job to me, but it doesn't go far with me because Job knows that as long as he stays righteous he is going to have good fortune. What would happen to him, do you suppose, to this righteous man, if the soft life were taken away from him?"

Satan asked God to put his hand on Job. God refused, but he granted Satan permission to do anything he wished with Job's possessions.

Job's losses were phenomenal, complete, sudden and inexplicable. The news of his losses came so suddenly that there were no opportunities to recover from one misfortune before another occurred. (1) He lost his material possessions by the thieves that stole his oxen and 3,000 camels and then killed his servants. (2) He lost seven sons and three daughters who were having a party when a great wind struck the house and all the children were killed.

Dazed with disbelief at the severity of the news, Job said, "Naked I came from my Mother's womb and naked I shall return; the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (1:21). He passed the test. Bankruptcy, shock, emotional agony, rocked his whole being, but his faith was not shaken. In the first round, God's faith in him is justified.

Satan went back to God and continued to sneer, the caustically irrepressible cynic about any man and his motives. "Our agreement

before was that I could take away his money and riches which I did. Agreed, he won the test. But now let me hit him where it really hurts, his bones and his flesh. Let me make him sick and he'll break."

The gamble that every man is basically motivated by economics, which probably is more true in the nonreligious community than we care to think, is lost by Satan. Now he wanted to get under his skin. Only Job's life was to be spared; he had to be kept alive. Job's integrity has not been proved to Satan. He thinks or accuses Job of serving God for the reward of physical health, rather than for love of God.

As one reads the book of Job, he sees a person that represents "everyman"; Job's affliction is a particular disease that represents every sorrow.

How far can a man be pushed? His property, riches, and children are gone and now it is just "he and mother" at home and he is sick. His sickness is as bad as it can be and still be alive. Job's wife, out of love, did not want to see him suffer any more so she said, "Curse God and die." This advice just added fuel to the fire, for it constituted Job's most cruel burden of grief. As the plot develops, it becomes increasingly clear that the heaviest sorrow of all is Job's alienation from God.

Instead of cursing God, Job praises God. Faith knows that there are many purposes, not God's, at work in the world. Faith claims though that all these ul-

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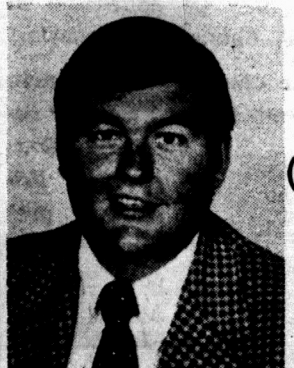
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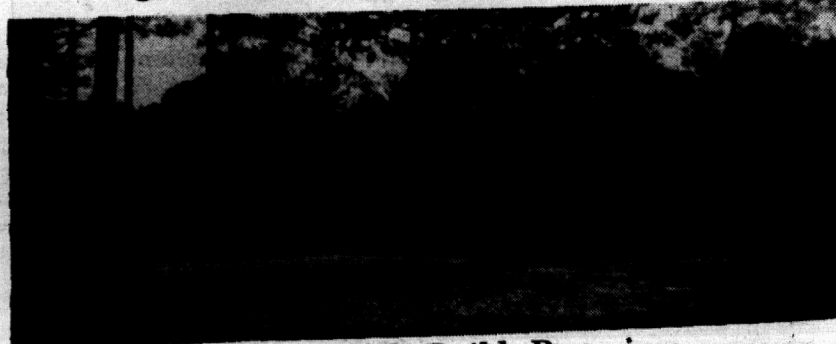
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Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record



First, Lauderdale Builds Pastorium

First Church, Lauderdale recently observed open house at their new pastorium located at Dalewood Shores. Within the past church year this church has completed a multi-purpose building and built a pastorium. First, Lauderdale was a mission of First, Meridian, for several years. This October marks the second anniversary as an organized self-supporting church. "The church is growing and there is a spirit of love and concern among its members," states Rev. Jerry Bishop, pastor.

Building Fund Day And Homecoming Set For Park Haven

Park Haven Church, Jones County, has designated August 31 to be both Homecoming Day and Building Fund Day. According to the pastor, Rev. Artis Brewer, plans are being studied for additional building in the near future.

Following the regular Sunday morning service at 11, lunch will be served at noon and the afternoon service will be dedicated to special music. There will be no evening service.

Annual Homecoming At Clear Creek

Clear Creek Church near Oxford will observe annual homecoming on Sunday, August 31. Bible Study will begin at 9:45 and the worship service at 11. Lunch will be spread on the ground. The music will be under direction of Donald Waller and Rebecca Briscoe and the morning worship will be led by the pastor, Rev. Kenneth McMillen.

Kenner—Not Clinton

A story about Rev. W. R. Storie and his prayer ministry, in the August 14 issue of the Baptist Record, stated that Mr. Storie met his wife while pastor of a mission in Clinton, La. That should have been Kenner, La.

Fairhavens To Sing At New Harmony

On Friday, August 29, "The Fairhavens" will be in concert at New Harmony Church, Holly Springs, at 7:30 p.m.

The members of this group are all members of Fairhaven Church, Olive Branch.

"The Fairhavens" are: Melvin Haynie, who sings baritone; Richard Osborne, who plays lead guitar and sings lead; Mrs. Carl (Irene) McCullar, who sings alto; Rev. Jackie Cooke, pastor of Fairhaven, who sings bass; Ruth Stephens, who plays bass guitar; Sandi Haynie, pianist; and Ricky Osborne, drummer.

Goss Church Calls Patrick Henry

Rev. Patrick Henry has moved to Marion County, where he is the new pastor of Goss Church.

Mr. Henry, a graduate of New Orleans Seminary, has been in the pastorate for 17 years, in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi.

He is married to the former Anne Featherly and they have 2 children, Paul, 15, and Melanie, 7.

New Zion Homecoming

Rev. George Stewart will be guest speaker at 11 o'clock for the homecoming at New Zion (Lawrence) on September 7. He is a former pastor of the church. Rev. C. R. Wicker, pastor, says that dinner will be served on the grounds and that there will be singing in the afternoon.

Mt. Pleasant Deacon Dies

Grady Ellis, deacon of Mt. Pleasant Church, Holmes County, since 1956, died July 31 at Lexington Hospital where he had been a patient for three days. He was 60.

Mr. Ellis had been supervisor of Beat Two in Holmes County for eight years.

Survivors include his wife, Syble Palmertree Ellis; a son, Tommy, of West; a son, Stanley, of Louisville; one brother and four sisters.

Revival Dates

First Church, Helena, Pascagoula: Sept. 7-12; services 7 p.m.; Rev. Bob Horner, pastor, Arlington Heights, Pascagoula, evangelist; Lamar Callahan, minister of music, First, Helena, in charge of music; Rev. Valton Douglas, pastor.

Barton Church (George): August 25-31; Rev. Ira S. Perkins, evangelist; Tony Gray, minister of music at Barton singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m.; slides of Mr. Perkins' work while serving as a missionary to Brazil will be shown on Sunday night; Rev. Donnie V. Parker, pastor.

Red Banks (Marshall): August 24-29; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Donnie Stewart, pastor of First Church, Coffeeville, evangelist.

Kendrick (Alcorn) August 29-31: youth revival Mike Bell, youth dir.; West Ripley, evangelist; Dudley Waddle, music dir.; Pleasant Hill (Union County), singer; Rev. Wayne King, pastor; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; morning and evening services Sunday.

Georgetown Calls John D. Engle

Georgetown Church recently called Rev. John D. Engle as pastor. Native of Michigan, he has made his home in various states. He has been in the Air Force for 15 years and has been attending New Orleans Seminary for two years.

Mr. Engle expects to graduate with the Master of Divinity Degree in December. He served churches in Florida while in the service and comes to Georgetown from Edgewater Church in New Orleans where he was associate pastor.

He is married, and his wife Evelyn is from Litchfield, Michigan. They have three children; Jeff, 16, Joe Elynn, 14, and Jennifer, 3.

Beacon (Lebanon) Calls Wayne Kite

Beacon Church, Hattiesburg has called Rev. Wayne Kite as pastor. Mr. Kite is a native of Louisiana,

married to the former Velma Gail Hennington. They have three children, Cindy, 16, Pam, 11, and Tim, 7.

In June of 1975 he graduated from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida. While there he served as pastor of Union Grove Church. He is now enrolled at William Carey College.

1st, Carthage Calls Miller

Rev. J. B. Miller has accepted a call to the pastorate of First Church, Carthage. He goes there from Carriage Hills Church, Southaven, where he has been pastor for eight years.

When he went to Carriage Hills, the church had 100 members. During the time he was pastor, that church had 1200 additions, with 400 for baptism. In eight years the Carriage Hills Annual budget made a giant leap from \$19,000 to \$180,000. Property value increased from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

From Morton, Mr. Miller is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Member of the Board of the Christian Action Commission, he has also been active in the work of DeSoto Association.

He is married to the former June Burns, graduate of Mississippi College. They have three girls and one boy, ages 16, 13, 6, and 4.

Helena Homecoming

First Church, Helena, will observe homecoming, September 14. The day will include Sunday School at 9:45, morning worship at 11, with dinner on the ground. Afternoon worship will follow a special music program. There will be no night services.

Rev. Tom Crawford, former pastor, will be speaker at the morning service with Rev. Glynn Sandifer speaking at the afternoon service. Lamar Callahan, minister of music, First Church, Helena, will be in charge of special music.

Rev. Valton Douglas is pastor.

Palestine To Host Gallman Reunion

The Gallman family invites friends and relatives to the Palestine Church, Hinds County, on Sunday, August 31, for a day of worship and fellowship.

A picnic lunch will be served after the morning worship service.

Devotional

God's Cure For Anxious Care

By Thomas L. Clay
(Former pastor of Calvary, Silver Creek)
(Presently pastor of Glenwood Church, Oak Ridge, Tenn.)
(Philippians 4:4-7)

There are people paying thousands of dollars every year for a vice, medicine, and treatment to help them get rid of tension, frustration, and worry. In Philippians 4:4-7, God gives the whole secret cure for anxious care, I believe, and tells how God can banish away worry forever.

"The Lord is at hand," could mean that the Lord is coming soon, but it also can mean he is here now. He is beside you. He is as near as your very elbow. He hears every word you say. He sees the frown on your face. He knows the worry that lines your face and despair that has driven trust out of your heart. In Psalms 23 David said, "I will fear no evil for thou art with me." It seems we are willing to trust him for salvation but unwilling to trust him for strength and courage. We foolishly and needlessly carry our burdens when God is ready to carry them for us. God is the Master, the boss of everything in the universe. There is power for every child of God, victory every day, joy and peace all the time.

An understanding of Romans 8:28 can bring strength. If a man loves God and trusts God and accepts God, if a man feels and knows and is convinced that God is the all-wise, all-loving Father, then he can humbly accept all that God sends to him. We are reminded that in the very beginning, God's intentions were good.

Surely Romans 8:31-39 is the final guarantee that He loves us enough to supply all our needs. Though the world be falling about our ears, we can still have a sweet time with Christ. The disasters of this world do not separate a man from Christ. These experiences in fact, if we let them, can bring us closer to him. Here is a vision to take away all our loneliness, worry, and fear. Paul is saying, "You can think of everything terrifying this world or any other can produce and not one of them is able to separate the Christian from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus who is Lord of every terror and Master of every world." Of what then shall we be afraid?

Paul in Philippians 2:6 indicates that prayer is the way out. God is always within calling distance. I John 5:14-15 is one of the greatest promises found in God's word. In prayer, one's natural power is changed to the supernatural power of God. Let us call on him remembering that he is the center of the universe, not us. It is his will that should be done, not ours.

He made the world out of nothing, himself alone. All was very good, very excellent and beautiful. Therefore, however great our difficulties, fears, or doubts are, he has power sufficient for succor and relief.

God says I like to hook the car that does not have an engine of its own on behind my locomotive. God wants to take care of the power and you take care of the following and trusting.

Let Jesus carry your burdens. Paul said in II Corinthians 12:9, "My strength is made perfect in weakness." From the time you awaken in the morning until you go to bed at night, you should walk with God, trusting him, thanking him for every circumstance of your life. The Holy Spirit being in control of your life enables you to do that.

Former Methodist Preacher Is Licensed As Baptist Preacher At Age Of 81

Tuckers Crossing Church, Laurel, recently licensed Rev. William Robertson to preach the Gospel.

"Uncle Bill" is 81 years of age and had for several years served the Lord faithfully as a pastor in the United Methodist Churches. He and his companion joined Tuckers Crossing Church in July, 1975. Mrs. Robertson had previously been a member of the church. Rev. Aaron Foy, Tuckers Crossing pastor, said, "They do not want to be put on the shelf, but to be used in the Lord's work."

Glorieta Site Of Rocky Mountain Bible Conferences

GLORIETA, N. M. — Four "Rocky Mountain Bible Conferences" have been planned at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center here this fall. Dates for the conferences are Sept. 10-15, Sept. 15-20, Oct. 4-9, and Oct. 11-16.

"The casual morning schedule features two hours of Bible study by two outstanding Bible teachers," states Walter Bennett Jr., supervisor of the conference center program and promotion section of the Sunday School Board.

J. Earl Mead, retired 30-year minister of education at Cliff Temple Baptist Church in Dallas, Tex., and long-time staff counselor at Glorieta, will be the inspirational speaker during the four weeks.

Old Testament teachers for the four Bible conferences will be W. D. Wyatt, former pastor of First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M., for the first two conferences, and Howard Colson, retired editorial secretary of the board.

The New Testament teacher for the first conference will be Ralph Dodd, retired pastor who is currently working with senior adults at Baptist Temple in San Antonio, Tex. The other three conferences will feature Donald F. Ackland, retired editor of "Open Windows" devotional guide at the board and well-known Bible teacher, as New Testament teacher.

Cost of the conferences is \$74.50 for each person for double occupancy in the hotels.

Persons interested in attending any of the Rocky Mountain Bible

Conferences should send \$25 to Rocky Mountain Reservations, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N. M., 87535, or telephone (505) 757-6161.

Five From State Graduate From N. O. Seminary

Five men with Mississippi connections graduated from New Orleans Seminary at the close of the summer session.

Edward M. Pogue III, pictured, of Meridian, received the master of divinity degree.

Samuel Glen Edmonds of Fayette, Alabama, who is pastor of Calhoun Church in Collins, received the master of divinity degree.

Truman Thompson of Artesia received the master of church music degree. He is minister of music and youth at Bayou View Church, Gulfport.

Daniel Martin Bradley of Gulfport, pastor of Sharon Church in Long Beach, received the master of divinity degree.

Larry W. Tagert of Citronelle, Alabama, received the master of religious education degree. He is a graduate of William Carey College.

Pictures of four of these men were not available.



Blue Mountain, Carey To Offer College Credit Courses On TV

Blue Mountain College will offer nine hours of college credit during the fall semester when the Mississippi Authority for Educational Television airs its college credit courses beginning the last week in August, according to an announcement made by BMC Dean William N. Washburn.

College credit courses returning this fall include "Communications One," a Mississippi ETV production on human communication and "Dimensions in Cultures," a general introductory course in cultural anthropology.

A new course offering by Blue Mountain College is "American Institutions," a political science course on the roles and objectives of major American institutions.

The schedule for course airing is: "Communications One" on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 p.m. with repeat broadcasts set for Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 5:30 p.m.; "Dimensions in Cultures" will be on Sundays and Wednesdays at 10 p.m. with repeat broadcasts on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.; "American Institutions" will air on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10 p.m. with repeat broadcasts set for Sundays at 4:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

The courses officially begin during the week of August 31.

Persons interested in enrolling in the courses for credit from Blue Mountain College should contact Dean Washburn.

Dr. Don Stewart, chairman of the department of religion and philosophy at William Carey

Off The Record

The metal strips used to band birds are inscribed: "Notifly Fish and Wild Life Service, Washington, D. C." They formerly read "Washington Biological Survey," abbreviated to "Wash Biol. Surv." This was changed after a western farmer shot a crow and disgustedly wrote the U S Government: "Dear Sirs: I shot one of your pet crows the other day and followed instructions attached to it. I washed it and bled it and served it. It was terrible. You should stop trying to fool the people with things like this..."

A hypocrite exclaimed to his doctor that he was certain he had a fatal liver disease. "Nonsense," protested the doctor. "You wouldn't know whether you had that or not. With that particular disease, there's no discomfort of any kind." "Good heavens!" the alarmed patient gasped. "My symptoms exactly!"

"I'm sure I don't know why they call this hotel 'The Palms,' do you? I've never seen a palm anywhere near the place."

"You'll see them before you leave. It's a pleasant little surprise the whole staff keeps for the guests on the last day of their stay." — Sunshine Magazine.

In Vienna, Johann Strauss used to sit in the park reading his Waltz Street Journal.

Psychiatrist to nurse: "Please say 'We're terribly busy' — and not 'It's a madhouse!'"

Names In The News

Jack West served as interim pastor of Mountain Creek Church near Florence from June 1 until August 10. Rev. Frank Smith is the church's new pastor. Mr. West graduated this year from Mississippi State University and is planning to enter the seminary this fall. A member at Mountain Creek reports that Mr. West did an exceptionally fine job in working with the youth of the church, including the organization of a youth council and in planning youth fellowships for fun and inspiration.

Rev. W. W. Hayes, pastor of First, State Line, was presented a love gift of \$580 upon his return to the pulpit following an extended illness.

Dorothy P. Crow has joined the faculty of the University of Mississippi School of Nursing at the Medical Center as an assistant professor of nursing. Ms. Crow was formerly assistant director of nursing at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, where she also served as inservice director and as an instructor in the hospital School of Nursing.

David Grimsley has accepted a call to become Highland, Vicksburg's first minister of music and youth. He goes there from First, Purvis, where he served four years. From Columbia, he married Wilma Deer of McComb. They have two daughters — Kathy, an MC junior, and Pam, high school senior. Mr. Grimsley is a graduate of Soule College, New Orleans, and New Orleans Seminary.



Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Hayes, missionaries to Indonesia, may be addressed at Box 56, Bandung, Indonesia.

First Church, Long Beach, Dr. Gail DeBord, pastor licensed Darrell Lee Edwards to preach the gospel, Sunday, August 17.

Mr. Edwards is a sophomore at Louisiana College.



East Moss Point Church licensed Timothy E. Webb, left, to the gospel ministry, on July 27. Mr. Webb preached his first sermon during the evening service. A junior at University of Mississippi, he will transfer to Mississippi College this fall. Rev. A. J. Pace, right, is pastor of East Moss Point.



Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perkins, on July 20 were recognized for having completed 60 years of continuous service in East Moss Point Church. Rev. A. J. Pace, pastor, right, presented to them a special plaque.